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On 9 June 2001, the Israeli occupying forces brutally killed three Palestinian women, all from the same family, and critically wounded many other Palestinian civilians. This savagery occurred when soldiers of the occupying Power, Israel, unleashed tank shelling into their residential neighbourhood. They were killed by flechettes fired from tank shells that struck their home while they were sleeping. Flechette shells, considered one of the most ruthless anti-personnel weapons, spray hundreds of dart-like nails in the general areas at which they are fired. The killing of these three Palestinian women occurred at a time when Israel, the occupying Power, is implementing a so-called ceasefire. Official Israeli reports released by the Israeli military spokesperson shortly after the attack claimed that Israeli fire was directed only at specific locations where gunmen had been identified. However, on 11 June 2001, Israeli authorities stated that the attack on the neighbourhood was a mistake.

This is yet another incident of indiscriminate shelling and killing of Palestinian civilians, including women and children, which is usually followed by Israeli claims that it was in response to Palestinian gunmen, only later to be declared as a "mistake". This reflects the continuing pattern of the behaviour of the Israeli soldiers, which is supported and encouraged by the policies of the Israeli Government and must cease immediately.

Since our last letter to you, dated 31 May 2001 (A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544), Israeli occupying forces have killed 13 more Palestinians, bringing the total number of Palestinian martyrs to 497 (the names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter). The number of injuries, many critical, also continues to rise each day as a result of the violent and criminal actions of the occupying forces. In addition, the draconian measures taken by Israel, which include the tightening of all kinds of closures on the entire Palestinian people, with severe restrictions on the

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movement of persons and goods, continue to exacerbate the grave living conditions of the Palestinian people.

Further, I am writing this letter in follow-up to our previous letters to you on this grave and ongoing situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 31 May 2001 (A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; and A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544).

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Marwan **Jilani**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, Tuesday, 31 May 2001 through Monday, 11 June 2001*

Tuesday, 31 May 2001

1. Ahmed Saleh Abu Hilu (17 years old)
2. Khalil Afanah (10 years old)

Sunday, 3 June 2001

1. Ziad Mahmoud Abu Eid
2. Ayad Mahmoud Abu Eid

Monday, 4 June 2001

1. Mazen Lufty Al-Joulany (died from wounds sustained on 3 June 2001)

Thursday, 7 June 2001

1. Jameel Kasem Al-Deek
2. Ashraf Al-Berdowil

Saturday, 9 June 2001

1. Salimah Omar Al-Malalha
2. Nasrah Salem Al-Malalha
3. Hikmat Atallah Al-Malalha (16 years old)

Sunday, 10 June 2001

1. Mohammed Abdel Rahman Hassan Al-Kurdy (18 years old)
2. Ameen Mohammed Mahmoud Awad

Monday, 11 June 2001

1. Naseem Ibrahim Al-Agha

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I regret to inform you that Palestinian children continue to be the target of the excessive use of force by the Israeli occupying forces. Yesterday, 17 June 2001, an 11-year-old Palestinian boy was brutally shot and killed by Israeli occupying forces in Khan Yunis refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. Today, a 16-year-old, died of bullet wounds to his abdomen that he suffered yesterday in the same incident at the hands of the Israeli occupying forces. These brutal killings occurred when Israeli occupying forces opened fire, including the use of live ammunition, at a group of children in Khan Yunis refugee camp.

Such brutal killings continue despite recent Palestinian agreement and serious efforts to stop attacks emanating from the territory under its control. On the other hand, Israel, the occupying Power, has continued with its military campaign against the Palestinian people, including its excessive use of force against unarmed Palestinian civilians and children, and has continued to impose its siege against Palestinian towns and cities.

The Israeli occupying forces have also continued to provide protection for illegal settlers' aggression against the Palestinian people and their property. Israeli settlers, who have been illegally transferred by the occupying Power to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, in grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and in total violation of relevant Security Council resolutions, have aggravated their attacks against Palestinian civilians, property and crops. In a serious and dangerous development, Israeli settlers, on a daily basis, are burning trees and crops belonging to the Palestinians and erecting new settlement posts as they continue humiliating and assaulting Palestinian civilians.

In this context, a mob of illegal Israeli settlers, on 13 June 2001, opened fire onto a car travelling on a road between Hizma and Khan Al-Ahmar, east of

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Jerusalem, killing the driver, Awni Abed Al-Ra'ouf Hadad, as well as injuring two other passengers. This brutal killing follows an attack on 3 June 2001, in which illegal Israeli settlers attacked a Palestinian truck, west of Ramallah, causing the truck to overturn, resulting in the killing of two Palestinian civilians.

Since our last letter to you, dated 13 June 2001 (A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586), Israeli occupying forces and Israeli illegal settlers have killed four more Palestinians, bringing the total number of Palestinian martyrs to 501. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) In addition, many Palestinian civilians have been seriously injured as a result of the excessive use of force by the Israeli occupying forces and the perpetual violence of Israeli settlers.

Further, I am writing this letter in follow-up to our previous letters to you on this grave and ongoing situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 13 June 2001 (A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; and A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586).

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(*Signed*) Marwan **Jilani**
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, Wednesday, 13 June, through Monday, 18 June 2001*

Wednesday, 13 June 2001

Awni Abed Al-Ra'ouf Hadad

Thursday, 14 June 2001

Hassan Abu Sha'era

Sunday, 17 June 2001

Ali Murad Abu Shawish (11 years old)

Monday, 18 June 2001

Adel Qanan (16 years old) (from wounds sustained on 17 June 2001)

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 501.

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues with its bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people, which began on 28 September 2000, in spite of its declaration concerning the ceasefire. Yesterday, Israel committed another war crime by assassinating Mr. Osama Fathi Al-Jawabra while he stood in a public telephone booth in the city of Nablus. Apparently, the telephone booth was booby-trapped, a method that has been used before by the Israeli occupying forces in committing such crimes against Palestinian civilians. In actuality, since 23 May 2001, the date of the Israeli declaration of the ceasefire, Israeli occupying forces have brutally killed 25 Palestinian civilians, including 4 Palestinians since my last letter to you, dated 18 June 2001 (A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605). These additional killings bring the total number of Palestinian civilians killed to 505 (see annex). In addition, the number of Palestinian civilians seriously injured as a result of the excessive use of force by the Israeli occupying forces and the perpetual violence by Israeli settlers continues to rise. This bloody military campaign, including Israeli war crimes and Israeli State terrorism, must be brought to an end, and the international community must bear its responsibility in this regard.

Moreover, Israel is also trying to destroy the Report of the Sharm El-Sheikh Fact-Finding Committee (Mitchell Report) through the invention of the notion of "separate stages" of implementation, as well as its refusal to implement some basic recommendations such as the full cessation of settlement activity. By doing so, Israel, the occupying Power, is effectively undermining the true chance of ending the current tragic situation on the ground and resuming peace negotiations.

Furthermore, I would also like to refer to the recent letters from the Israeli Permanent Representative to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, which contain references to incidents against Israelis. These letters attempt to present those incidents as if they took place inside of Israel against Israeli civilians, where in fact they took place in the Occupied Palestinian Territory against Israeli colonialist settlers. Those Israeli settlers have been illegally transferred by the

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occupying Power to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, in grave breach of various instruments of international humanitarian law and in total violation of relevant Security Council resolutions and other United Nations resolutions. Moreover, Israeli settlers have been engaged in a daily terror campaign against the Palestinian civilian population during which they have shot civilians, blocked roads, burned orchards, destroyed infrastructures and have committed a wide range of other atrocities. Actions of those settlers and their own safety remain the responsibility of the occupying Power.

The Palestinian side remains fully committed to the full implementation of the recommendations of the Mitchell Report, and in this context remains committed to the Tenet work plan of the security aspect of the recommendations. What is immediately needed now is the complete timeline of the implementation of all the recommendations as a package consistent with the letter and spirit of the Report.

In closing, I am writing this letter in follow-up to my previous 51 letters addressed to you regarding this grave and ongoing situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 18 June 2001 (A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; and A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605).

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(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador, Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, Tuesday, 19 June, through Sunday, 24 June 2001*

Tuesday, 19 June 2001

Fatma El'yan Abu Farwah

Wednesday, 20 June 2001

Jamal Nafe'

Saturday, 23 June 2001

Muhamad Jamal Sewedan (18 years old)

Sunday, 24 June 2001

Osama Fathi Al-Jawabra

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 505.